

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1 1. (Currently Amended) A hand puppet for use with a child who has suffered an  
2 injury or trauma, comprising:

3 (A) a puppet [[suitable for an adult's hand being inserted therein]] portion  
4 adapted to be worn on the hand of an adult by said hand being inserted therein thereby  
5 allowing grasping or cuddling of an injured area on the child, and said puppet having a  
6 body portion and a head portion whereby manipulation of the adult's hand causes ma-  
7 nipulation of the puppet;

8 (B) a pouch disposed in the body portion of the puppet such that it is contigu-  
9 ous to the palm of the person's hand when inserted into the puppet; and

10 (C) a removable element receivable within said pouch that is capable of pro-  
11 viding a cold or heat therapy to a body portion of a child, whereby when the element is  
12 removed the puppet remains usable as a hand puppet and retains the appearance of a us-  
13 able child's toy.

1 2. (Original) The hand puppet as defined in claim 1 further comprising a tempera-  
2 ture transferring material configured in the pouch generally disposed where the palm of  
3 the hand is located when a user is wearing the hand puppet.

1 3. (Original) The hand puppet as defined in claim 1 wherein the head portion is an  
2 animal shape.

1 4. (Original) The hand puppet as defined in claim 1 wherein the head portion is a  
2 character shape.

1 5. (Previously Presented) The hand puppet as defined in claim 1 wherein said re-  
2 movable element is an ice pack.

1 6. (Currently Amended) The hand puppet as defined in claim 1 wherein said re-  
2 movable element is comprised of one of the following:

- 3 (A) a cold gel pack;  
4 (B) an ice pack; and  
5 (C) a [[block of BLUE ICE®]] re-freezable flexible ice pack.

1 7. (Previously Presented) The hand puppet as defined in claim 1 wherein said re-  
2 movable element is a microwavable packet, which becomes a heating pad upon micro-  
3 waving.

1 8. (Previously Presented) The hand puppet as defined in claim 1 wherein said re-  
2 movable element is an air-activated device, which becomes warm upon exposure when  
3 associated packaging is opened.

1 9. (New) A hand puppet for treating a child's injuries, said hand puppet comprising:

2 A) a body portion adapted for insertion of a person's hand therein, said body  
3 portion containing at least one finger portion or at least one thumb portion;

4 B) a pouch disposed in said body portion of the puppet in such a manner that  
5 it is contiguous to the palm of a person's hand when inserted into the puppet; and

6 C) a removable element receivable within said pouch, said removable ele-  
7 ment being capable of providing a cold or hot therapy to an injured portion of a child,  
8 when the puppet is wrapped around or placed over the injured portion of a child by the  
9 person wearing the puppet.

1 10. (New) A method of treating a child's injuries including the steps of:

- 2       A)     providing a hand puppet having the appearance of an animal or character,  
3     said hand puppet having a finger portion and a thumb portion such that the puppet can be  
4     worn on the hand of an adult;
- 5       B)     inserting within a pouch in the puppet a hot or cold pack which rests  
6     within the palm of the adult's hand; and
- 7       C)     gently grasping the child's injured area while wearing the puppet to pro-  
8     vide hot or cold therapy, by placing the pouch of the puppet over an injury of said child.